

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 556  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Percy Emerson  
Dempsey of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Percy Emerson Dempsey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dempsey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Percy Dempsey served with acumen and alacrity with the Post War Civil Service at Sewart Air Force Base in Smyrna; he was in charge of the payroll section and earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an active leader in the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Dempsey served as the Scoutmaster of Troup 359 for many years, producing forty-seven Eagle Scouts; he served more than twenty years as a leader in Wood Badge courses, training Scout Leaders; and

WHEREAS, for over twenty years, Mr. Dempsey was Chairman of the Eagle Review Board, which assists and evaluates scouts who are obtaining their Eagle Scout rank; and

WHEREAS, committed to community service, Percy Dempsey volunteered with the Boy Scout Office in Nashville, volunteering his time at fundraisers, camporees, and other scouting events; and

WHEREAS, the Camporee area of Boxwell Reservation is named after Percy Dempsey in recognition of his tireless commitment to this Nation's youth; and

WHEREAS, Percy Dempsey courageously served this Nation with distinction with the United States Army in World War II as one of those Americans who earned the rightful designation of the "greatest generation; he attained the rank of Master Sergeant before his discharge; and

WHEREAS, Percy Dempsey was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Dempsey always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Percy Dempsey was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-eight years, Lucy Mae Lane Dempsey; his parents, Percy E. and Frances Fisher Dempsey; and sister Mary Dempsey King; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dempsey is survived by his son, Percy Dempsey III; daughter, Helen Dempsey; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dempsey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Percy Emerson Dempsey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Dempsey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.